Propositions

Related to Thesis: Using Ethical and Legal Analysis to Better Shape China’s Health Care System Reform

1. Applying the theory of justice required in health care is unlikely to be succeed if without a revision reflecting the special moral and ethical commitments of the society.

2. A just health care system is a system valuing equality and fairness in priority setting. Improving the equality and fairness of China’s health care system has long been and should continue to be the primary goal of reform efforts.

3. Recognizing personal responsibility for health as a criterion for priority setting in health care is of great importance for China’s health care system to pursue equality and fairness in the Chinese context.

4. Personal responsibility for health forms the basis of various strategies designed to promote health and health care, such as incentive schemes, ‘nudge’ (‘choice architecture’) in health promotion, and ‘Healthy China 2030.’

5. Attaching great importance to the role of family is an attribution of Chinese bioethics and should be given enough attention by policy and law makers when reforming China’s health care system.

6. Promoting China’s health care system towards equality and fairness is likely to be achieved if ongoing efforts consider the following two aspects as integral parts of reform: addressing personal responsibility for health and ensuring state accountability in securing the coverage and quality of basic health care.

7. Encouraging the engagement of private sectors in health care in China is a promising strategy to mitigate the conflict between limited health care resources and unlimited health care needs, but it is necessary to first build a regulatory environment, especially direct regulations on the role of private sectors.

8. The nationwide implementation of general practitioner care is unlikely to be succeed unless accompanied by efforts to improve and strengthen the regulatory sector of China’s health care system.

9. Laws and regulations in health care in China need to be re-constituted as a coherent and unified framework in order to better assess and provide legitimacy for various reform policies.

10. Reforming the health care system towards equality and fairness is a long journey and it is even longer for China because “…any small problem multiplied by 1.3 billion will end up being a very big problem. (Jiabao Wen, the former premier of China)”

11. It is the time that you wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important. (The Little Prince)